

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment After Notice of Allowance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has amended claim 48 to correct a minor grammatical error. No new matter has been added.

Claims 47 and 48 are Independent Claims

In December 6, 2004 telephone call to the undersigned attorney, the Examiner pointed out that claims 47-50 are incorrectly characterized in the remarks of applicant's most recent Amendment (Amendment filed 9/24/2004) as depending from independent claim 45.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the incorrect characterization of claims 47-50 and for providing applicant an opportunity to clarify the record.

Applicant submits that claims 47-50 were characterized as depending from claim 45 by mistake and without deceptive intent. In fact, claims 47 and 48 are each independent claims, and claims 49 and 50 depend from independent claim 48.

Conclusion

If a telephone interview would be helpful in any way, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 501914 for any fee due in connection with this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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